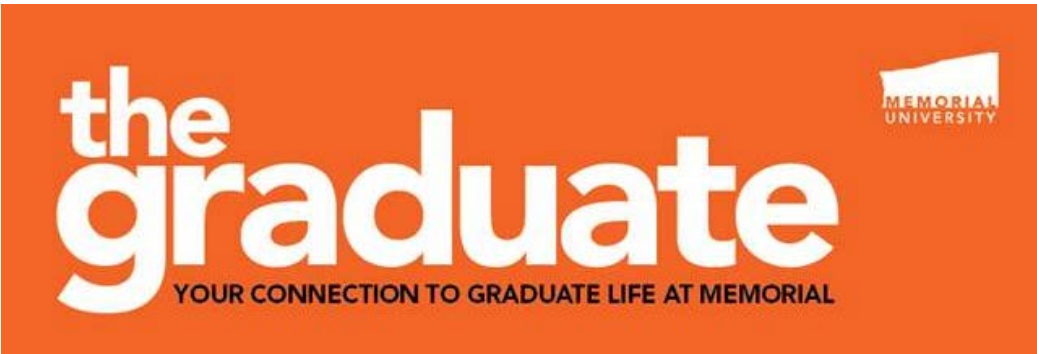


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## CONTACT US

Faculty and staff in the School of Graduate Studies are working remotely and available to assist you. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your [graduate officer or graduate admin staff](#). You can also email [sgs@mun.ca](mailto:sgs@mun.ca) and we will respond within one business day. If your matter is urgent, please email [akim@mun.ca](mailto:akim@mun.ca). You will receive an immediate response.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### Memorial University Graduate Student Town Hall

We know that everyday equity-seeking students experience a higher degree of socio-economic marginalization and they become even more vulnerable in emergencies. As such, Dr. Aimée Surprenant, Associate Vice-President (Academic) and Dean, Graduate Studies, will be hosting intentional town hall meetings for various equity-seeking graduate students. These town hall meetings will offer a safe place for you to ask questions and provide feedback on how Memorial University can better support you at this time. Members of the SGS Diversity Committee will be present to assist with any questions you might have. If you cannot attend these town hall meetings or have immediate questions we can help you with, please don't hesitate to email us at [sgs@mun.ca](mailto:sgs@mun.ca).

Many of our graduate students identify with multiple identities and students are encouraged to attend as many town hall meetings as they would like to attend to discuss their unique and shared questions and concerns.

Intentional Town Hall Meeting Series for Equity-Seeking Students:

Topic: Racialized Students

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 3, 2020, 1 – 2 pm NST

Mode: Online (Link to connect will be sent prior to event)

[RSVP](#)

Topic: Students with Disabilities

Date and Time: Thursday, June 4, 2020, 11 am – 12 pm NST

Mode: Online (Link to connect will be sent prior to event)

[RSVP](#)

Topic: LGBTTIQQA Students

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 12 – 1 pm NST

Mode: Online (Link to connect will be sent prior to event)

[RSVP](#)

Topic: Women Identifying Students

Date and Time: Thursday, June 11, 2020, 11 am – 12 pm NST

Mode: Online (Link to connect will be sent prior to event)

[RSVP](#)

Topic: Indigenous Students

Date and Time: Friday, June 12, 2020, 12 – 1 pm NST

Mode: Online (Link to connect will be sent prior to event)

[RSVP](#)

## Entrepreneurship Training Program Applications Open

Are you a graduate student interested in learning the fundamentals of entrepreneurship? Do you want to start a business and develop skills that will make you more successful in an academic or entrepreneurial career? If so, the Entrepreneurship Training Program is for you! Applications close on Friday June 5. For more information and to apply, please visit: <https://www.mun.ca/etp/>. If you have questions, please contact the ETP Coordinator at [gtatigian@mun.ca](mailto:gtatigian@mun.ca).

## Metrobus revision

From May 27 to August 1, the Metrobus pick-up and drop-off areas will be temporarily moved from the University Centre (UC) entrance to Arctic Ave. directly in front of the UC. During this time, buses will stop on both sides of Arctic Ave. in front of the UC, rather than pulling up to the UC doors. All students, faculty, staff and visitors are directed to use the adjacent crosswalks to access the UC from the new, temporary bus stops on Arctic Ave. For a map of the area please visit:

[http://www.mun.ca/csf/Metrobus\\_stop\\_ArcticAve.pdf](http://www.mun.ca/csf/Metrobus_stop_ArcticAve.pdf).

There will be no roadside parking on Arctic Ave. during this time. Metered parking in the UC parking lot and access to the building, under current conditions, will be maintained. The UC loading bay area will not be affected and delivery access to the main and east entrances to the UC will be maintained.

## 2020 GSU Elections

The 2020 GSU Elections will be held online and nominations will be open from June 10-17. The campaign period will conclude with an online Q&A on Tuesday, June 24, in place of the Annual General Meeting. A link to the meeting will be sent at a later date.

To help promote transparency and communication during this online election, the GSU asks all general members to consider signing up for the GSU General Elections on Brightspace:

<https://forms.gle/xboUnLbwZpTndVTdA>. This will allow candidates to share their campaign platforms with all general members. For more information and to access the nomination form, please visit: [www.gsumun.ca/elections](http://www.gsumun.ca/elections).

## Grant applications

The GSU would like to inform all graduate students that new grant applications for the Professional

Development Grant (PDG), Professional Membership Grant (PMG), and Special Purpose Grant (SPG) will be temporarily on hold until further notice. Due to the overwhelming volume of requests that are currently being handled, sufficient time is needed to address the applications which have already been submitted. The GSU will make an announcement within the upcoming weeks, once applications have resumed. For more information regarding the service interruption, please visit the GSU website: <https://www.gsumun.ca/funding>.

### Graduation celebration

Memorial University's spring 2020 graduation celebration, Hats Off!, is now available for viewing on YouTube. Please view the celebration here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A497e63wUuA&utm>.

### Environmental Health and Safety

Environmental Health and Safety is hosting COVID-19 awareness sessions via WebEx. The session will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-1:30pm each week beginning June 2, and will run until further notice. All faculty, staff and students are invited to attend. This session will cover prevention measures against COVID-19 and is appropriate for those currently on campus or returning to campus. Faculty and students who are conducting research are requested to attend. To register please email Kelly at [k.taylor@mun.ca](mailto:k.taylor@mun.ca).

## REMINDERS

### Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB)

The Canadian Government has released a new benefit, the Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB) for students who do not qualify for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) or Employment Insurance (EI). The benefit provides financial support to students who are unable to find employment due to COVID-19.

Applications for the CESB are currently open and must be submitted before September 30, 2020. In order to apply, the CRA encourages eligible students to take three important steps:

Step 1: Register a profile with the CRA. If you have never filed an income tax return with the CRA, you may not have a profile. Call 1-800-959-8281 to activate your SIN with the CRA.

Step 2: Register for My Account - this is the fastest and easiest way to apply for the benefit.

Step 3: Enroll for Direct Deposit with the CRA through My Account or your financial institution to get your CESB within 3 days of applying. Alternatively, you must ensure your mailing information is up-to-date in My Account to receive a cheque by mail within 10 business days.

For more information regarding the CESB and to apply, please visit the CRA website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/benefits/emergency-student-benefit.html>.

### On-campus research

Memorial is implementing a new process for a phased approach to returning to on-campus research spaces, fieldwork and face-to-face interactions with research participants. Read a new statement on research from Dr. Neil Bose, vice-president (research), here <https://www.mun.ca/research/news.php?id=13322&type=news>.

## RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

Writing Centre's online service open for spring semester

The Writing Centre's online service is now open for the spring 2020 semester. The Centre will not be offering any in-person sessions this semester. For more information about online service, please visit: <https://www.mun.ca/writingcentre/services/distance/>. If you have further inquiries, please send an email to [writing@mun.ca](mailto:writing@mun.ca).

### Athletics & Wellness Digital Series

Starting on Wednesday, May 20th the School of HKR and Varsity Athletics will be hosting a 6-week Athletics & Wellness Digital Series. Each week there will be a variety of FREE sessions to choose from that are focused on staying active and living a healthy lifestyle. Every Sunday the upcoming schedule for the week will be posted, which will include weekly yoga, CrossFit, Strength and Conditioning Workouts, Stress Management, coaching seminars, and much more! Tune in via the School of Human Kinetics and Recreation's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SchoolofHumanKineticsandRecreation>.

### Diversity and inclusion webinars

Members of the Memorial University community can avail of free diversity and inclusion webinars offered by the Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion until the end of May. To access the sessions and to register, please visit the calendar of events: <https://ccdi.ca/event-calendar/>. When registering, you will need to click "Please click here to register as an Employer Partner" and indicate that you are an invited guest by Tina Hickey. For more information, please contact Tina Hickey, employment equity officer, Department of Human Resources at [hickeyt@mun.ca](mailto:hickeyt@mun.ca).

## REMINDERS

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for international students

Global Affairs Canada's International Education Division has created a list of resources specifically for international students including information on immigration status, benefits eligibility, health care, and more. Visit the Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for international students webpage for more information: <https://www.educanada.ca/study-plan-etudes/covid-19/update-covid-19-mise-a-jour.aspx?lang=eng>.

### Thesis writing and Motivation

Dr. Cecile Badenhorst has created a video for thesis/research based graduate students about declining motivation to write and how students can increase their motivation to write. This video is the first in a series of four (4) on motivation and procrastination: <https://youtu.be/oAfKngjFNJU>.

### Doing fieldwork in a pandemic guide

Deborah Lupton has developed a free crowd-sourced document for students who would normally be conducting fieldwork. The document can be accessed via Google Docs: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cIGjGABB2h2qbduTgfqribHmog9B6P0NvMgVuiHZCl8/preview?ts=5e88ae0a#>.

### Accessibility Services

The Blundon Centre (Accessibility Services) is open and available for graduate students. All accessibility staff are working remotely and are available to speak with any graduate student to explore priorities related to academic accommodations or any accessibility related concerns. The Blundon Centre will continue to offer programming during Spring/Summer semesters, please visit the calendar of events for workshops and sessions: <https://www.mun.ca/student/supports-and-resources/learning/events.php>. For more information or if you have further questions please contact [blundon@mun.ca](mailto:blundon@mun.ca).

### Student Volunteer Bureau

The Student Volunteer Bureau has a wealth of remote volunteer and professional development opportunities available. Visit [www.mun.ca/volunteer](http://www.mun.ca/volunteer) to learn about how you can stay involved while staying home!

### Resources for graduate students

SGS has created a resource page addressing health and wellness, academic continuity, funding/financial aid, and student supports as your study/research remotely:

<https://www.mun.ca/sgs/current/resources.php>.

### Video messages from the Dean

Every day, Dr. Aimée Surprenant, Associate Vice-President (Academic) and Dean, School of Graduate Studies provides a video update for all graduate students, as well as great advice for coping with the uncertainty of COVID-19. You can watch all videos here:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpdPIxhRWwJEv0ruFFgPQ3A/videos?view=0&sort=dd&shelf\\_id=0](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpdPIxhRWwJEv0ruFFgPQ3A/videos?view=0&sort=dd&shelf_id=0).

### Student Wellness and Counselling Centre Services

The Student Wellness and Counselling Centre continues to remain open and staff are providing services to students via telephone and virtual sessions, with the exception of some physician and nurse appointments. For full details and to book an appointment, please visit:

<https://www.mun.ca/covid19/students/student-health-wellness.php>.

### Internationalization Office (IO)

The Internationalization Office continues to provide supports to you remotely. This means email and other social media platforms including FB messenger, Skype and Zoom. Book an immigration advising appointment on the Navigate app or by emailing [aabu@mun.ca](mailto:aabu@mun.ca). For all other questions please email [international@mun.ca](mailto:international@mun.ca) and an advisor will respond to you as soon as possible.

## DEADLINE DATES

### June 1, 2020, Monday

- Final date for departments to submit Recommendation for Award of Degree in order for graduate students to be deregistered from Graduate Registration 9000/Medicine 9900 without incurring any liability for continuance fees, Spring semester
- Final date for graduate students to withdraw from programs without incurring any liability for tuition fees, 14-week Spring semester

### June 8, 2020, Monday

- Last date for undergraduate and graduate students to drop courses without academic prejudice, Intersession

### June 19, 2020, Friday

- Final date for submission of Master's and Doctoral Theses and Reports for examination, by candidates who expect to receive their degree at the Fall Convocation 2020. Theses and Reports received after this date will be processed as time and resources permit.
- Lectures end, Intersession

### June 22, 2020, Monday

- Examinations begin, Intersession

- Semester Break begins, 14-week Spring semester

June 24, 2020, Wednesday

- Examinations end, Intersession

June 25, 2020, Thursday

- Lectures resume, 14-week Spring semester

June 29, 2020, Monday

- Final date for departments to submit Recommendation for Award of Degree in order for graduate students to receive a 50% refund of continuance fees, Spring semester
- Lectures begin for Summer session

For a list of all dates and deadlines, please visit the [University Diary](#).

## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

### Four Things to Consider for Graduate Student Teaching

This session discusses and explores specific areas to consider for graduate students in teaching. It focuses on four key lessons for graduate students to focus on to improve their classroom performance, demonstrate effective learning and become better teachers!

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 3, 1-2pm NST

Mode: Online (Link to Brightspace Online Rooms will be sent prior to event)

Presenter: [Dr. Tom Cooper](#), Associate Professor, Business Administration

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### Campus to Career

Campus to Career is a one-day event aimed to help students transition from their classroom to their career. Come join us for a virtual series of interactive sessions focusing on career planning, job search, and employability skills. You will be provided with career-related-tips and learn techniques that will help you navigate your career path. During the workshop you will be able to put into practice what you have learned and build your confidence so that you can prepare for success.

Participants will be required to complete the [Clifton Strengths Assessment](#) in advance of the workshop. You will receive instructions and access to the assessment prior to the day.

Date and Time: Thursday, June 4, 9am-2pm NST

Mode: Online (Link to Brightspace Online Rooms will be sent prior to event)

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### Writing Café for Graduate Students: Opening the Door to Thesis Writing

Are you struggling to write? Has your motivation gone out the window? Dr. Cecile Badenhorst will hold a Writing Café to answer your questions about writing procrastination. She will also discuss strategies to start writing and how to keep going. This is an interactive session (bring your own coffee!). Please feel free to attend even if you don't if you have general topics or questions. If you'd like to forward topics prior to the session, or can't attend but still have questions, please email [cbadenhorst@mun.ca](mailto:cbadenhorst@mun.ca). Everyone is welcome

Date and Time: Thursday, June 4, 11am-12pm NST

Mode: Online

Presenter: [Dr. Cecile Badenhorst](#), Associate Professor, Adult Education/Post-Secondary, Faculty of Education

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Entrepreneurship Training Program: Ideation and the Lean Canvas



Have you ever thought about starting a business, but really have no idea where to start? This session will give you the tools to critically consider the feasibility of your business idea (or help you come up with one), and help you learn how to pivot within that idea for the best chance at entrepreneurial success.

Date and Time: Thursday, June 4, 2-3pm

Mode: [Online](#) (Link to Brightspace Online Rooms will be sent prior to event)

Presenter: [Grace Tatigian](#), Entrepreneurship Training Program Coordinator

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### Writing Professional Emails

Writing professional emails is an important skill to master. This webinar will outline the rules of proper etiquette, structure and style, and enable you to communicate your message to your recipient in a professional manner!

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 10, 1 - 2 pm NST

Mode: Online (Link to Brightspace Online Rooms will be sent prior to event)

Presenter: [Julie Bowering](#), Career Development Coordinator, Graduate Studies

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### Entrepreneurship Training Program: Skills Identification and Team Building

The idea of starting your own business can be daunting, but it's a lot easier if you have the right co-founders and team to help you along the way. This session will help you identify your own skills as well as the skills you will need within your team to ensure success for your business.

Date and Time: Thursday, June 11, 2-3 pm

Mode: Online (Link to Brightspace Online Rooms will be sent prior to event)

Presenter: [Grace Tatigian](#), Entrepreneurship Training Program Coordinator

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### Get a Head Start: Tips for the Canadian Commons CV (CCV)

*With Dr. Meghan Burchell and with insights from MA student, Sarah Kuehn*

The Canadian Commons CV (CCV) is required for all students who wish to apply for funding from SSHRC, CHIR and NSERC. It's also required for all faculty and post-doctoral researchers who are applying for funding from the tri-council agencies. This workshop is designed for graduate students to help navigate the CCV system and to understand what are the most critical pieces of information that should be included. The workshop will also discuss how elements of the CCV are evaluated by review committees. The CCV is a time consuming process - start early and learn how to turn your CV into the CCV to apply for funding.

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 18, 1 - 2 pm NST

Mode: Online (Connection link will be sent prior to event)

Presenter: [Dr. Meghan Burchell](#), Associate Professor, Department of Archaeology

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### Entrepreneurship Training Program: Mentors and Advisors

Starting a business on your own can be intimidating, that's why it's so important to have mentors and advisors to help you on your entrepreneurial journey. This session will teach you where to find mentors and advisors, how to connect with them, and explain how they can help.

Date and Time: Thursday, June 18, 2-3 pm

Mode: [Online](#) (Link to Brightspace Online Rooms will be sent prior to event)

Presenter: [Grace Tatigian](#), Entrepreneurship Training Program Coordinator

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For more professional development opportunities for graduate students, please visit the [EDGE website](#).

## CAMPUS NEWS

### Eye on the prize

Far from home, parenting and a pandemic: Folklore master's graduate perseveres. [Read more.](#)

### Evolution of practice

MD-PhD spring graduate integrating genetics and family medicine. [Read more.](#)

### Good deeds

School of Graduate Studies supporting students during difficult time. [Read more.](#)

### Giving begins at home

Heartening internal support for COVID-19 student emergency funds. [Read more.](#)

### Terminology change

Memorial formally adopts term Indigenous, renames programs and units. [Read more.](#)

### No place for racism, intolerance

Statement from President Vianne Timmons. [Read more.](#)

For more news around campus, please visit [The Gazette](#).

## SPOTLIGHT

### Graduate Student Blog

In one of our recent posts, Juliana discusses the challenges students have been facing due to COVID-19 and the importance of staying resilient as we adapt to our new normal. Read more of Juliana and our other bloggers' posts on the [Graduate Student Blog](#).

### Remote possibilities

The School of Graduate Studies reached out to several graduate students recently to find out how they are handling the transition to remote learning. Read more about MA student Jackie-Ray Bauman's experience in [The Gazette](#).